



The Pine Seed

CCSM's Children, Youth, and Family Newsletter



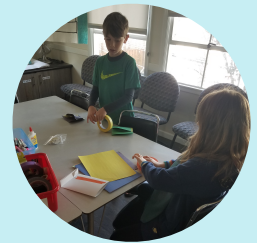
CCSM Youth Preparing Dinner for Hope and Hope Family Shelter

What are you doing this summer?

It is time to start thinking about camps and other programs!

This is a great time to start thinking about summer plans! Many families from our community love Camp Caz! It is a beautiful camp with wonderful programs for kids starting in 1st grade (with parents) and 4th grade (on their own) all the way up to youth programs and a Counsellor in Training program. Please speak with Sheryl if you are interested. It is a fantastic way to build deep friendships, learn about faith in a progressive setting, and enjoy the great outdoors.

Also, we are hoping to get a good group together to attend the UCC's National Youth Event at Purdue University. There will also be a service project component in Chicago. The cost is \$1500 which includes everything - flights, meals, registration, etc. Scholarships are available as well as many fundraising opportunities. Please speak with Sheryl asap so we know you are planning to go and can start to make arrangements. This should be an incredible experience!



Kids making Epiphany star words to hand out to the congregation



Libby, our new Kids' Liturgical Arts Ministry Leader!



Holly, Camille, and Sheryl at the Peninsula Multi-faith MLK Jr Day of Service

Youth Update

Unfortunately, Angel Rivero, our Emerging Leader who worked with us on Wednesdays and Sundays, got a job at another church so left CCSM in January. We wish him all the best!

Our 10:45am youth class continues to learn about a different world religion each month - and February is all about Buddhism! We will have a guest speaker, Rhiana Wiggins, with us on February 2nd to share about the Buddha and her Buddhist faith and practice.

A new high school program for high school youth is volunteering at the Samaritan House meal program on 2nd Wednesdays of the month from 4-5:30pm at the Mason's Hall (right near CCSM). This is a great way to serve the community and build your resume!

On Wednesdays, our youth continue to discuss current events and play lots of board games, and plan special intergenerational events. We are looking for adult volunteers to help with this program especially. If you are available even infrequently on Wednesdays from about 7-8:30pm, it would be wonderful to have you! It is a great group of youth and the time together concludes with a delicious meal.

YOUTH GROUP IN FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 2: No youth group due to a planning meeting for the Adoptee Ministry (let Sheryl know if you would like to participate!)

Sunday, February 9: 11:45am-1pm: Mid-high and high school youth help with Marge's goodbye party! (Serving food, washing dishes, etc.!)

Wednesday, Feb 12: 4pm-5:30pm - High School youth can volunteer to serve a meal at the Mason's Hall. A great way to serve and get volunteer hours!

Sunday, February 16: No youth group (High School Retreat)

Sunday, February 23: 11:45am-1pm Mid-high youth group! Learning/planning/prep for Mardi Gras party on Tuesday!

Tuesday, February 25: 4pm-8pm All youth (and parents!) are invited to help host our Mardi Gras party! Youth can help cook the pancakes and host activities like face-painting, masks, and more!

INFANT, TODDLER, AND PRE-SCHOOL GATHERING IN FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 2: 9:30am-10:20am: Parents/guardians are invited to come for an informal time before church to enjoy breakfast, coffee/tea, and play (in the Muslim Children's Garden Preschool Room!)

YOUTH RETREATS AND CAMPS FOR KIDS AND YOUTH!

Please let Sheryl know asap if you are interested in participating any of these so we can begin to arrange carpools, transportation, chaperones, funding, etc. Many of these events are supported/organized by the wider UCC so we know they will be well-organized and based on progressive Christian values.

February Camp: Feb 15-17 (High School) - Monte Toyon in Aptos

NCNC Camp Cazadero: This is a beautiful camp located near Guerneville, CA. There are camp weeks for kids in grade 1-3 with a parent/adult (July 10-12), grade 3-6 (July 12-18), grade 7-9 (July 19-25), and grade 10-12 and CIT program (also July 12-18).

United Church of Christ National Youth Event - July 22-25 at Purdue University in Indiana (with possible service project in Chicago before/after) for grades 9-12.